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Hi! Thanks for picking up the Amelia Rules! Free Comic Book Day Edition. If you're a long-time reader, thanks for your continued support. If this is your first exposure to Amelia (or to comic books in general), welcome!

My name is Jimmy Gownley and I am the cartoonist behind Amelia Rules! If you picked up some other FCBF comics, you might have noticed a long list of creators that work on each book in an assembly line style. Amelia isn't like that. This book is very special to me, and I write every word and draw every picture myself.

This is our second year participating in Free Comic Book Day. After last year's issue we received many emails asking how new readers could keep up with Amelia's story. The easiest way is to let the staff of the comic shop where you picked up this issue know that you would like them to hold every new issue. Stores can't stock every new comic that comes out, but there is no reason they can't hold them for you if you request it. If you're not interested in becoming a "comic book collector" there are two graphic novel collections of Amelia's story so far. They are also available from your fine comic shop, as well as all major online book retailers.

This story appears nowhere else and was written especially for Free Comic Book Day. It tells the story of how the Amelia cast met, which is appropriate because there's a good chance this is the first time you're meeting them as well.

I'm always interested in hearing what readers think, so if you get a chance, drop me an email at [ameliarules.com](mailto:ameliarules.com).

Anyway, that's all I have to say. Hope you enjoyed Free Comic Book Day, and hope you have a great summer!

-Jimmy Gownley

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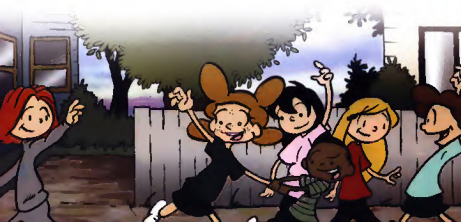
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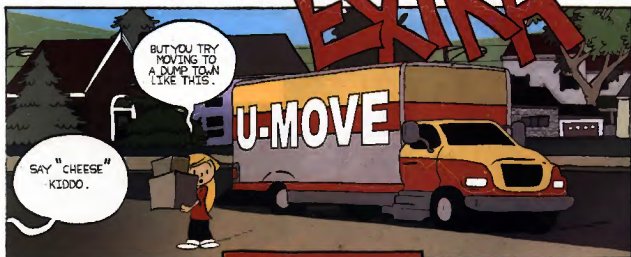
LONELINESS. ISOLATION.  
THE COLD...UNRELENTING...  
*VOID.*

NOWHERE IS THERE  
A SIGN OF LIFE,

NOR ANY HOPE THAT  
IT COULD EXIST.

OKAY, MAYBE I'M  
*OVERDOING IT...*

# "the EXTRA"



SAY "CHEESE"  
KIDDO.

BUT YOU TRY  
MOVING TO  
A DUMP TOWN  
LIKE THIS.

NO. YOU DOING  
MANUAL LABOR.

Your mom won't believe this  
unless it's caught on tape.



What? Me moving  
in to your house?



HA HA HA

SERIOUSLY. SHE'S AFRAID YOU'LL CALL  
THE FEDS IF YOU HAVE TO LIFT ANYTHING  
HEAVIER THAN A BANANA SMOOTHIE.



THAT'S AUNT  
TANNER. THIS  
IS HER HOUSE.

ME AND MOM ARE  
MOVING IN, SO I HAVE  
TO LET HER GET AWAY  
WITH SOME SLAMS.



REC. ●



WOOOAAAAHHH!

REC. ●



OOH!

REC. ●



ACK!!!!

REC. ●



OOF!

REC. ●



YEAGH!

REC. ●



YES!





REWIND  
REWIND  
REWIND

click

NOW, I KNOW I'M NEW  
IN TOWN, AND MAYBE  
THEY DO THINGS  
DIFFERENTLY HERE . . .

BUT I'M FROM  
NEW YORK,

AND WE NEVER  
GREET NEW PEOPLE  
BY DRESSING UP IN OUR  
UNDERWEAR AND TRYING  
TO KILL THEM.

WELL . . .  
ALMOST NEVER.

ANYWAY . . .





I'M GUESSING THAT'S  
A GOOD THING FOR YOU.



I DON'T THINK IT'S  
WISE TO BE SPEAKING  
SO FREELY WITH THIS  
STRANGE... GIRL.



GOOD THINKING RHONDA...I MEAN  
"MISS MAGNIFICENT!"

HEY PAJAMAMAN, QUIT THE  
HUGH HERNER ACT, AND LET'S GO.







C'MON, I'M TRYING TO BE SERIOUS.

MY PARENTS,  
DECIDE THEY DON'T LIKE  
EACH OTHER, RIGHT?

AND SUDDENLY I  
HAVE TO MOVE  
HERE. AND LET'S  
FACE IT, I'M NOT  
EVEN SURE WHERE HERE IS.

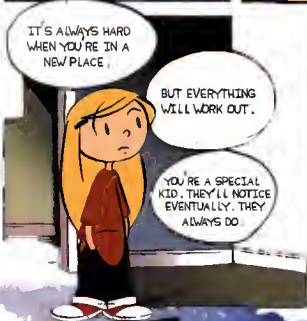
AND HEY, IT'S NO  
SECRET THAT I'M NOT  
ALWAYS CRAZY  
ABOUT THEM EITHER.

BUT I NEVER MADE  
US MOVE TO BOLIVIA,  
JUST BECAUSE THINGS  
WEREN'T GOING MY WAY!

DID YOU TALK  
TO YOUR FRIENDS  
ABOUT THIS STUFF?

WHAT FRIENDS?

HEY!



TRUE

THEY DON'T ALWAYS  
NOTICE.

SOME OF THE MOST SPECIAL PEOPLE  
IN THE WORLD SEEM NEVER TO BE NOTICED.



BUT HERE'S THE THING.



YOU'RE SPECIAL.

YOU'RE SUPER.

WHETHER  
THEY NOTICE,  
OR NOT.

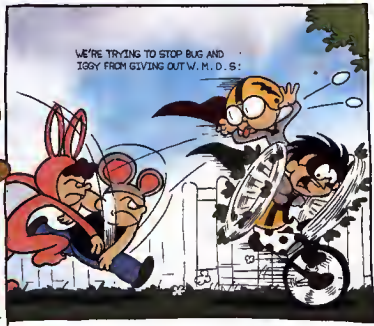
NOW GO GET 'EM.





ACTUALLY, I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S ILLEGAL.

LOOK THIS IS A SERIOUS ORGANIZATION.





WHAT ARE W. M. D. S?



WEDGIES OF MASS DESTRUCTION.



MY REGGIE FEARS  
ONLY TWO THINGS;  
ATOMIC WEDGIES AND KANGAROOS.



KANGAROOS?  
THAT CAN'T COME UP  
TOO OFTEN.



>SIGH=  
YOU'D BE SURPRISED.



SORRY MISS WE'RE  
JUST NOT HIRING NOW!  
BUT WE'LL KEEP YOUR  
APPLICATION ON FILE  
FOR SIX MONTHS (BYE)

HEY!



HEY,  
I SAW WHAT  
JUST HAPPENED.



SHOULD I SAY  
SOMETHING TO  
THAT GIRL? IS  
THAT WHAT  
GROWN-UPS DO?



GROWN UPS?



**GROWN UPS?!** WHO  
**CARES** WHAT **THEY'D**  
**DO?** THEY DO **STUPID**  
THINGS! LIKE GET A  
STUPID **DIVORCE!**

OR MOVE TO SOME  
**STUPID TOWN!** I DON'T  
**NEED ADULTS, OR**  
**FRIENDS...**



OR  
**ANYONE**  
**ELSE!**



LET'S GO.





SO THAT WAS IT! I'M THROUGH TRYING TO FIGURE  
OUT WAYS TO BE FRIENDS WITH THOSE GUYS.

THERE'S BETTER THINGS  
I CAN DO WITH MY TIME.  
LIKE CATCHING UP  
WITH MY READING.

"A flush which made him seem much  
younger rose in Buck Mulligan's cheek.  
'Did I say that?' he asked. 'Well, what harm  
is that?' He shook his constraint  
from him nervously..."

?

RUN FOR  
IT!

TH...THEY'RE  
COMING!

WHAT'LL  
WE  
DO?!

LOOK! THERE'S THAT  
AMELIA GIRL. LET'S  
SEE IF SHE'LL HIDE US

WHAT? I ARE YOU NUTS?  
SHE'S A RABID, INSANE  
COMMUNIST WHO PROBABLY  
MURDERED HER PARENTS!

NOW WHERE DID YOU  
EVER HEAR CRAZY  
THINGS LIKE THAT?

AND SHE WAS  
FOAMING AT THE  
MOUTH.

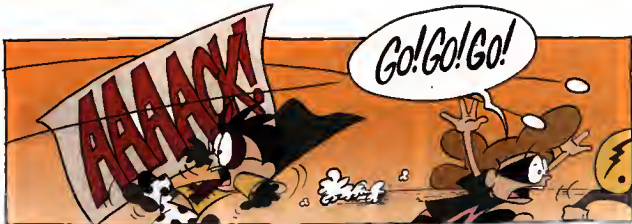
THEY KEEP HER  
IN A PADDED ROOM.

WHY DO YOU THINK  
SHE WEARS A RED  
SHIRT, HMM?

AND TO THIS DAY,  
THEY NEVER FOUND  
THE BODIES.

Oh Yeah...

WELL, ARE YOU ALWAYS  
GONNA BELIEVE EVERYTHING  
PEOPLE TELL YOU?





I HAVEN'T BEEN SITTING  
AROUND WAITING FOR YOU GUYS.

AND I COULDN'T CARE LESS  
ABOUT YOUR  
STUPID CLUB.

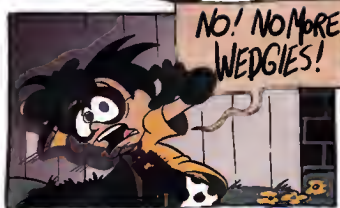
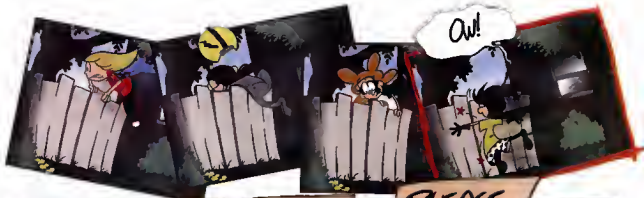
BUT I CAN SEE YOU'RE  
IN A JAM SO...



NOW LISTEN UP.  
I HAVE A PLAN,

AND  
THE PLAN IS...







PRINCESS  
POWERFUL!



G.A.S.P.  
NEEDS  
YOU!\*



WHAT? WHAT  
DID THEY DO?

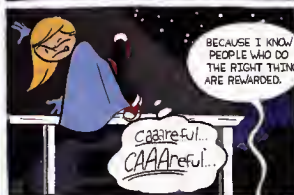


Does  
it  
REALLY  
matter?

I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN



SEE, I DID THE RIGHT THING. AND YOU KNOW  
WHY?



BECAUSE I KNOW  
PEOPLE WHO DO  
THE RIGHT THING  
ARE REWARDED.

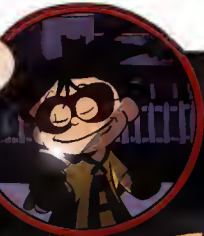
Caare-Ful...  
CAAAre-Ful...





OKAY AMELIA, YOU JUST  
SQUISHED RHONDA'S BRAIN,  
AND SHE'S GONNA WANNA  
CREAM YOU...

BUT DON'T WORRY,  
I HAVE A PLAN...



**RUN!**

YEAH, YOU  
BETTER RUN!

SO I DON'T  
KNOW IF I FEEL  
SUPER, EXACTLY...

BUT I FEEL OKAY.



SOMETIMES YOU DON'T  
NEED ANYTHING EXTRA.

*The  
End.*



HI GANG!  
THANKS FOR PICKING UP THIS  
SPECIAL FREE COMIC BOOK DAY  
EDITION OF AMELIA RULES! I HOPE  
YOU LIKED THE STORY YOU JUST READ  
(AND LET'S FACE IT, YOU PROBABLY  
DID. I MEAN IT WAS ABOUT ME,  
AND I AM EXTREMELY  
CHARMING).

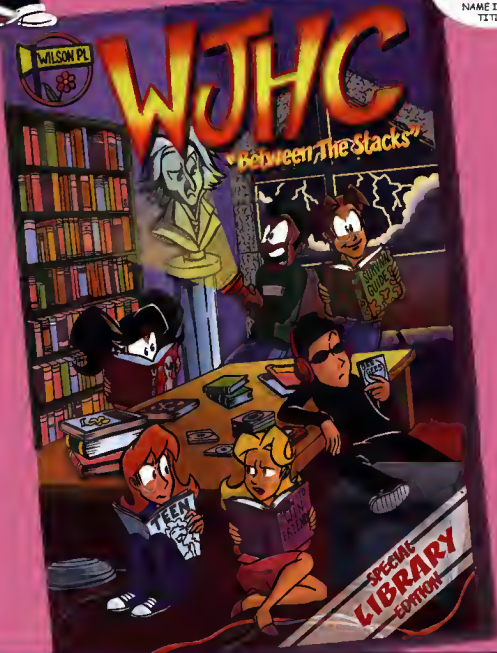
ANYWAY, UP NEXT,  
WE HAVE A SPECIAL TREAT:

**WJHC**  
*"Between the Stacks"*

THIS COMIC IS TOTALLY COOL.  
IT'S ABOUT THIS HIGH SCHOOL  
RADIO STATION, RIGHT?  
AND...

...OH, WHY  
DON'T YOU GO AHEAD  
AND READ IT YOURSELF.  
YOU'LL LOVE IT.

AS A  
MATTER OF FACT,  
I THINK WJHC IS MY  
FAVORITE COMIC THAT  
DOESN'T HAVE MY  
NAME IN THE  
TITLE.



**WJHC: Between the Stacks** is also available in a 16 page  
digest size for libraries and schools to use as an educational  
giveaway. For more information visit [WJHC.com](http://WJHC.com).

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IT'S THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BIG LIBRARY EVENT. LUCKY FOR SANDY THAT SKATE CONVINCED THE WJHC CREW TO JOIN IN THE FUN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU VOLUNTEERED US FOR THIS. I HAD TO GIVE UP A NIGHT AT THE BALLET.

KEEP IT DOWN, TARA.

UH... THANKS FOR HELPING OUT EVERYONE. WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE THE ROCK 'N ROLL EXHIBIT.

THIS IS REALLY COOL! YOU WERE RIGHT, SANDY BOY.

YEAH, MAN!

YOU'RE THE MAN, SANDY! I'M LOOKING AT YOU IN A WHOLE NEW WAY.

HEY, SANDY, IF YOU GIVE US A HAND WITH THIS SET-UP WE'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN NO TIME.

SANDY?

DON'T THINK THE BIG GUY'S USED TO THE HERO WORSHIP--ESPECIALLY FROM THE FEMALE PERSUASION.

SORRY THIS SET-UP IS TAKING LONGER THAN EXPECTED MRS. BRENNER

DON'T WORRY. EVEN THOUGH THE LIBRARY IS CLOSING YOU CAN STAY ON WITH THE MAINTENANCE MAN

WE'RE JUST CLEANING UP. YOU KIDS CAN LEAVE. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

EXCELLENT! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET HOME.

WAIT, I HAVE ONE MORE EXHIBIT TO SHOW YOU. PLEASE?!!

I'VE ALREADY MISSED THE BALLET AND TWO OF MY SEVEN DREAMS.

AFTER SEEING THAT HOT ROCK 'N ROLL EXHIBIT I'M READY TO FOLLOW SANDY ANYWHERE... WAIT, DID I SAY THAT OUT LOUD?

GOOD LUCK WITH THE BROADCAST TOMORROW.

THANKS. HOPE THIS RAIN STOPS BEFORE THEN.

YOU WON'T BE SORRY, GUYS. TRUST ME.





JUST LIKE THE LADY SAID, THE LIGHTS CAME BACK IN A FLASH.

UH, OH.

DON'T WORRY,  
EVERYONE. THE EMERGENCY  
GENERATOR SHOULD HAVE THE  
LIGHTS BACK ON IN A JIFF.  
I SAW THIS IN A MOVIE  
ONCE.

THIS ISN'T A  
MOVIE CIEL. WE'RE  
REALLY TRAPPED IN THE DARK  
IN AN ELECTRICAL STORM. AND...  
*I FEEL SOMETHING  
SLIMY...*

OOOH, SORRY SKATE. YOU KNOW  
I DIDN'T REALLY MEAN "SLIMY."  
YOU'RE WITH ME, RIGHT  
GUY?

CAN YOU BELIEVE  
THESE PLOT TWISTS?  
LET ME JUST MAKE A  
PHONE CALL SO I  
CAN GET OUT OF  
HERE.



OH, BROTHER.  
THE PHONE IS DEAD.  
THE STORM MUST  
HAVE KNOCKED OUT  
THE LINE.



I WAS THIS  
CLOSE TO MY  
ESCAPE.



I WISH I CHOSE  
THE BALLET. SERVES  
ME RIGHT FOR HELPING  
A FRIEND. I WON'T  
MAKE THAT MISTAKE  
AGAIN.

I WISH I  
WAS HOME.



...WE'RE  
NOT STRANDED IN  
THE DESERT. WHEN  
THE LIBRARY OPENS,  
WE CAN RETURN TO  
OUR THRILLING  
LIVES.

SOMEONE PINCH ME--  
I MUST BE DREAMING.  
LOCKED IN MY FAVORITE  
PLACE ON EARTH.



NOT EVEN THIS CREW COULD SIT IDLY IN A LIBRARY FOR LONG.

SINCE WE'RE STUCK HERE I'LL LOOK FOR A GOOD MYSTERY TO READ.

I'LL DO SOME RESEARCH FOR MY HISTORY PAPER. THINK THERE'S ANYTHING HERE I HAVEN'T FOUND ON-LINE?

ARE YOU KIDDING? EVER HEARD OF A LITTLE THING CALLED THE REFERENCE SECTION?

TOO BAD THE COMPUTERS WERE SHUT DOWN FOR THE NIGHT.

THE LIBRARY ON-LINE CATALOG COULD LEAD US TO SO MUCH MORE.

HOW 'BOUT SOME PERIODICALS? OR A VIDEO?

HHMM. HOPE I DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING.

I THINK YOU'VE GOT IT COVERED.

THEN IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I MUST GO.

CHEL, WAIT! I KNOW YOU LOVE MYSTERIES BUT DON'T LIMIT YOURSELF. THERE'S A WORLD OF LITERARY CHOICES. LET ME SHOW YOU.

BIOGRAPHY

WOW, SANDY, YOU SAVED ME FROM A LITERARY RLIT.

Roma

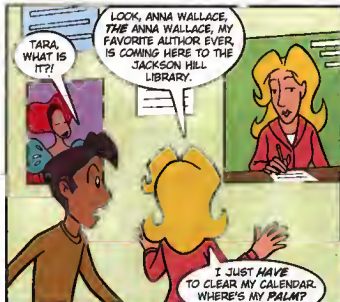
EVERYONE! COME QUICK!!

SPORTS

Science Fiction

Graphic Novel





SOMEONE HERE MAY BE INVOLVED IN SLR  
(SECRET LIBRARY READING).

I THINK I'LL GO SEE THE UH...  
CHILDREN'S ROOM. BE GOOD  
TO SEE WHAT'S AVAILABLE  
FOR KIDS.

CHILDREN'S ROOM?!  
TARA HAS NEVER SHOWN  
INTEREST IN ANYONE UNDER  
FIVE FEET TALL. SHE'S UP  
TO SOMETHING.

WHAT A GREAT  
SPACE. WHEN I HAVE  
CHILDREN, I'LL BE SURE  
TO TELL THE NANNY TO  
BRING THEM HERE.

NOW THAT I THREW THAT  
NOSEY JANIE WELLS OFF MY  
TRAIL, I CAN FIND THE  
BOOK I NEED.

I  
KNEW  
IT!

WHERE'D  
SHE GO?

OH, NO! TARA READING A SELF-HELP  
BOOK?! CAN SHE POSSIBLY BE AS  
INSECURE AS THE REST OF US?  
COULD TARA BE HUMAN?!!

MAKING  
FRIENDS

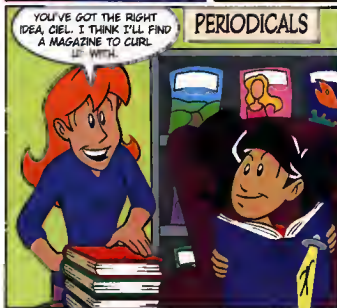
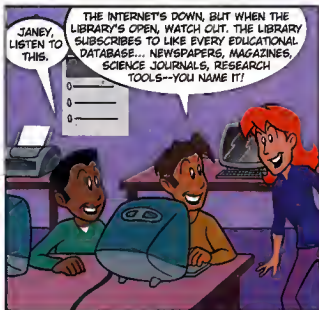
I CAN'T DEAL  
WITH THIS RIGHT  
NOW.

OH, I  
DIDN'T SEE  
YOU THERE.

I, UH...  
FOUND THIS  
BOOK FOR MY  
COUSIN...

...SHE'S HAVING  
A ROUGH TIME  
AT SCHOOL.

YOU KNOW,  
YOU MIGHT WANT  
TO TAKE A LOOK  
YOURSELF, JANIE  
DEAR.





ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END.



FIVE  
MORE MINUTES,  
MOM.



WHERE AM I?  
WHAT DID YOU  
DO WITH MY  
MOTHER?

I SWEAR  
TO UPHOLD THE  
RANGER SCOUT  
PROMISE.



SANDY, YOU'RE AT THE LIBRARY. YOUR PARENTS  
CALLED THE POLICE WHEN YOU DIDN'T COME HOME  
AND THE POLICE CONTACTED ME. COME ON  
LET'S FIND YOUR FRIENDS.



OH, AND WE BETTER CALL  
YOUR PARENTS. I PROMISED  
TO PHONE THEM AS SOON  
AS I FOUND YOU.



THANKS FOR COMING TO  
GET US, MRS. BRENNER.  
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR  
DISTURBING YOU  
LIKE THIS.

UM...  
MRS. BRENNER,  
DO YOU THINK WE  
COULD CHECK OUT  
SOME BOOKS?

THAT'S A  
WONDERFUL IDEA.  
SOMETIMES VERY  
GOOD THINGS COME  
FROM UNEXPECTED  
MISHAPS.



AREN'T THOSE THE *WJMG* KIDS HAVING THE TIME OF THEIR LIFE AT THE LIBRARY ROCK 'N ROLL CELEBRATION? WHAT A DIFFERENCE A NIGHT MAKES.

THE JACKSON HILL LIBRARY IS ONE HAPPENING PLACE!!

CHECK OUT THE MUSIC LOCKED AWAY HERE! HIT IT, RADIOMAN!

THIS WAY, EVERYBODY. I'M YOUR TOUR GUIDE, CIEL. YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE TREASURES HIDDEN WITHIN THESE STACKS.

I WOULD LOVE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY, MRS. BRENNER. MY STRENGTHS ARE IN STYLE AND DESIGN.

TRUST ME. I KNOW THIS LIBRARY INSIDE OUT. CALL ME ANY TIME THE OL' DEWEY DECIMAL'S NOT WORKING FOR YOU.

WE OWE YOU A BIG THANKS, SANDY. YOU OPENED UP A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR US. HOW CAN WE EVER REPAY YOU?

OH, I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.



The End

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AND THAT'S THE WAY  
IT'S BEEN EVER SINCE.



I SEE THOSE GUYS  
AROUND, Y'KNOW,  
FIGHTING CRIME  
OR WHATEVER




BUT THEY TOTALLY  
IGNORE ME. IT'S LIKE  
I'M COMPLETELY  
INVISIBLE,




AND I CAN'T  
FIGURE OUT WHY..



REALLY?  
ARE YOU SURE?



ALL I KNOW IS WHAT  
PEOPLE ARE SAYING,  
AND THEY'RE SAYING  
SHE'S CONTAGIOUS.



BUT HEY, BELIEVE,  
WHAT YOU WANT. IT'S  
NOT LIKE LEPROSY  
IS A BIG DEAL  
OR ANYTHING.

BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING OVER AT THE JACKSON HILL LIBRARY (WELL, BIG FOR SANDY DIAZ).

REALLY?  
YOU MEAN  
IT?

SANDY, YOU'RE  
OUR BEST VOLUNTEER. WE'RE  
DELIGHTED TO INCLUDE YOU IN  
THIS EVENT.

HLI-HO!! HELLO BIG TIME.  
WAIT 'TIL THE WJHC RADIO CREW  
HEARS MY NEWS. THIS IS SURE TO  
MOVE ME UP A NOTCH IN THAT  
WORLD.

AND AT THE WJHC STUDIO...

HURRY UP. I HAVE  
UNBELIEVABLE  
NEWS.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT  
THAT CHARITY EVENT  
YOU'VE BEEN PLANNING TO  
SAVE THE SARDINES,  
IS IT?

NOPE. THIS IS WAY BIGGER THAN THAT. THE JACKSON  
HILL LIBRARY WANTS US TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS  
*HISTORY OF ROCK 'N ROLL CELEBRATION!*

THAT'S THE BIG NEWS?  
WHAT WILL WE BE DOING,  
READING LYRICS OUT  
LOUD?

I DIDN'T KNOW  
THE LIBRARY HAD  
ANYTHING ROCK  
'N ROLL.

OH, THERE'S A LOT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE  
LIBRARY--THEY HAVE CGS, VIDEOS, DVDS, AUDIO  
BOOKS, REALLY COOL PROGRAMS, INTERNET SERVICE,  
AN AWESOME REFERENCE SECTION...

DID I MENTION  
THAT WJHC RADIO  
IS DOING A LIVE  
BROADCAST ON THE  
OPENING DAY OF  
THE EXHIBIT?

AND THEY WANT SKATE  
TO BE A GUEST DJ, WHICH  
WOULD BRING US OUT OF  
HIGH SCHOOL HALLWAYS  
AND ON TO REAL WORLD  
AIRWAVES.

THIS IS NOT YOUR  
FATHER'S LIBRARY.

YEAH,  
MAN!

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